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## Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims as indicated below:

1. (Currently Amended) A flexible or semi-flexible packaging material with an oxygen barrier between 10 and 100 cc/m<sup>2</sup>d atm as determined by ASTM 3985 and a water vapor barrier between 100 and 1000 g/m<sup>2</sup>d at 38°C and 90% relative humidity, as determined according to DIN 53122 issued July 1982, comprising

- (a) a layer of paper having a weight between 20 and 400 g/m<sup>2</sup> with layers applied thereto consisting essentially of
- (b) a layer of ethylene copolymer or grafted ethylene copolymer having a weight between 1 and 5 g/m<sup>2</sup> adjacent to and contacting layer (a), and
- (c) a layer of nylon comprising between 5 and 100 weight % of amorphous nylon and 0 and 95 weight % semicrystalline polyamide 6 having a weight between 10 and 30 g/m<sup>2</sup> adjacent to layer (b).

2. (Original) The packaging material of claim 1 wherein the ethylene copolymer of layer (b) is ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene-ethyl acrylate, ethylene-methyl acrylate or ethylene butyl acrylate.

3. (Original) The packaging material of claim 1 wherein the ethylene copolymer of layer (b) is an ethylene-acid copolymer or its corresponding ionomer.

4. (Original) The packaging material of claim 1 wherein the grafted ethylene copolymer of layer (b) is a maleic anhydride grafted ethylene copolymer.

5. (Original) The packaging material of any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein layer (b) further comprises up to 40 weight % of a copolyether ester, a copolyether amide or a polyurethane thermoplastic.

6. (Previously Amended) The packaging material of claim 5 which is produced by coextrusion coating layers (b) and (c) onto layer (a).

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7. (Previously Amended) The packaging material of claim 5 which is produced by lamination of extruded or coextruded layers (b) and (c) onto layer (a).

8. (Currently Amended Added Claim) A flexible or semi-flexible packaging material with an oxygen barrier between 10 and 100 cc/m<sup>2</sup>d atm as determined by ASTM 3985 and a water vapor barrier between 100 and 1000 g/m<sup>2</sup>d at 38°C and 90% relative humidity, as determined according to DIN 53122 issued July 1982, comprising

- (a) a layer of paper having a weight between 20 and 200 g/m<sup>2</sup> with layers applied thereto consisting essentially of
- (b) a layer of ethylene copolymer or grafted ethylene copolymer having a weight between 1 and 5 g/m<sup>2</sup> adjacent to and contacting layer (a), and
- (c) a layer of nylon comprising between 5 and 100 weight % of amorphous nylon and 0 and 95 weight % semicrystalline polyamide 6 having a weight between 10 and 30 g/m<sup>2</sup> adjacent to layer (b).